

FOOD PRODUCTION PROGRAM

Exchange of notes at San José July 21 and August 18, 1949, modifying and extending agreement of February 20 and 27, 1948,¹ as modified and extended

Entered into force August 22, 1949; operative from June 30, 1949

Program expired June 30, 1960

63 Stat. 2757; Treaties and Other
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*The American Chargé d'Affaires ad interim to the Minister of Foreign Affairs
and Worship*

No. 108

SAN JOSÉ, July 21, 1949

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to refer to the Basic Agreement, as amended, entered into October 1942 between the Republic of Costa Rica and The Institute of Inter-American Affairs, providing for the existing cooperative program of agriculture in Costa Rica.² I also refer to Your Excellency's note no. 5937-B of July 1, 1949 suggesting the consideration by our respective governments of a further extension of that Agreement.

Considering the mutual benefits which both governments are deriving from the program, my government agrees with the Government of Costa Rica that an extension of the program beyond its present termination date of June 30, 1949 would be desirable. Accordingly, I have been advised by the Department of State in Washington that arrangements may now be made for the Institute to continue its participation in the program for a period of one year, from June 30, 1949 through June 30, 1950. It would be understood that, during this period of extension, the Institute would make a contribution of \$125,000.00, in the currency of the United States, to the Servicio Tecnico Inter-Americano de Cooperación Agrícola, for use in carrying out project activities of the program, on condition that Your Excellency's Government would contribute to the Servicio for the same purpose the sum of ₡700,000.00 (colones). The Institute would also be willing, during the

¹ TIAS 1772, *ante*, p. 1091.

² For text of supplemental agreement signed Feb. 19, 1948, see TIAS 1772, *ante*, p. 1093.

same extension period, to make available funds to be administered by the Institute, and not deposited to the account of the Servicio, for payment of salaries and other expenses of the members of the Food Supply Division field staff who are maintained by the Institute in Costa Rica. The amounts referred to would be in addition to the sums already required under the present Basic Agreement, as amended, to be contributed and made available by the parties in the furtherance of the program.

The Government of the United States of America will consider the present note and Your Excellency's reply concurring therein as constituting an agreement between our two governments, which shall come into force on the date of signature³ of an agreement by the Minister of Agriculture and Industries and a representative of The Institute of Inter-American Affairs embodying the above-mentioned technical details.

If the proposed extension on the above basis is acceptable to Your Excellency's Government, I would appreciate receiving an expression of Your Excellency's assurance to that effect as soon as may be possible in order that the technical details of the extension may be worked out by the officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Industries and the Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

Please accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

ANDREW E. DONOVAN II
Chargé d'Affaires a. i.

His Excellency
BENJAMÍN ODIO,
*Minister of Foreign Affairs,
San José.*

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

REPUBLIC OF COSTA RICA
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS
AND WORSHIP

No. 7189-B

SAN JOSÉ, August 18, 1949

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to transcribe herein word for word the following note from the Ministry of Agriculture and Industries, and to request that Your Excellency be good enough to give it the attention which you may consider pertinent:

³ The agreement was signed Aug. 22, 1949.

"No. 3919—August 17, 1949. Mr. Benjamín Odio,
Minister of Foreign Affairs. City.

Sir:

By this means I have the honor to inform you, in order that you in turn may so inform the Embassy of the United States of America in our country, that the Government of Costa Rica, through the Ministry of Agriculture and Industries, has agreed to extend for a period of another year existing contracts with the Institute of Inter-American Affairs for project activities of the Servicio Técnico Interamericano de Cooperación Agrícola (STICA).

We therefore request your valuable intervention in order that through you the Embassy of the United States of America may authorize Mr. Howard M. Gabbert, Director of STICA, to sign the aforementioned contracts at the proper time.

Thanking you for the attention which you may be good enough to give to this note, I am

Very respectfully yours,

Bruce Masís D., Minister of Agriculture and Industries."

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration,

BENJAMIN ODIO

His Excellency JOSEPH FLACK,
*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America,
American Embassy, City*